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SUBJ: KUWAIT/SAUDI COORDINATION ON DHOFAR REBELLION

1. KUWAITI AMBASSADOR AL-SHAHEEN, WHO IS ALSO MEMBER OF ARAB LEAGUE OMAN/PDRY MEDIATION COMMITTEE, TOLD ME THAT AS RESULT OF RECENT VISIT TO JIDDA BY SHAIKH JABER, KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA HAD DRAWN CLOSER TOGETHER ON QUESTION OF WHAT TO DO TO RESOLVE DHOFAR REBELLION

"IN EFFECT SAUDIS HAVE TAKEN ONE STEP FORWARD AND WE HAVE TAKEN ONE BACK," SAID SHAHEEN. SAUDIS ARE NOW REPORTEDLY WILLING TO HOLD OUT PROMISE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PDRY ON CONDITIONAL BASIS, AND FOR THEIR PART KUWAITIS HAVE AGREED NOT TO EXTEND ANY MORE BILATERAL AID UNTIL CONDITIONS (PRESUMABLY CESSATION OF SUPPORT FOR REBELS AND WILLINGNESS TO TALK ABOUT NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT) ARE MET.

2. SHAHEEN SAID THAT AT LATEST MEETING OF MEDIATION COMMITTEE IN CAIRO LAST MONTH LIBYANS REPORTED ON SOUNDINGS THEY HAD MADE OF DHOFAR REBEL LEADERSHIP TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER STATIONING OF "ARAB
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MILITARY OBSERVER FORCE" IN DHOFAR AS REPLACEMENT FOR IRANIANS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. DHOFARIS SENT BACK FLAT "NO" THROUGH LIBYANS,

SAYING ANY SUCH PRESENCE WOULD BE TOOL IN HANDS OF SULTAN, AND
THAT THEY WOULD FIGHT ANY "OBSERVERS" WHO CAME.

3. SHAHEEN SAID HIS GOVERNMENT IS UPSET ABOUT QADDAFI'S MOVES TO
SEND ARMS AND OTHERS SUPPORT UNILATERALLY TO DHOFARIS, AND
THAT FOLLOWING AMIR FAHD VISIT TO KUWAIT, KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER
PLANS TO VISIT TRIPOLI IN EFFORT TO GET QADDAFI TO LAY OFF.
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